

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of Several Debutantes—She Hears of the Annual Country Fair for Convalescent House

I WAS so glad to hear yesterday that Margaretta Jeanes is going to join with the debutante affair. She is nineteen, you know, and would have come out two years ago, but on account of the war would not even have a small party. She devoted most of her time to being a motor messenger and did perfectly splendid work in that capacity. Margaretta is the elder daughter of Mrs. Henry S. Jeanes, of Devon. In the winter they live at 2122 Spruce street. Mrs. Jeanes is a sister of Mrs. Reed Morgan and of Mr. Edgar Wright Baird. Margaretta's first cousin, Marion Baird, is to be a debutante this year, but he but will be made at a dinner-dance at the Bellevue-Stratford on the 7th of January.

Mary Glendinning, who is one of Margaretta's very intimate friends, is also coming out this year with Ellen and it makes it so nice for these girls to be going to the same parties all the time. Mary would have come out during the war, too, had there been any coming out, you know.

THE debutantes will be all ages this year: from seventeen to twenty, as far as I can see. There will be under twenty, and over seventeen. Mary Goodman, Mrs. Howard Seaver's eldest daughter, who is to come out, is only seventeen, and Ellen Glendinning is not yet eighteen, and Rhoda Brooke, Mrs. Trenchard Newbold's daughter, only seventeen. Rhoda Brooke, by the way, is to be introduced on October 9, and the two Wurts girls, Marion and Rosamond, will make their debut with her.

I SAW Mrs. Tom Dolan in town yesterday wearing a stunning frock of dark blue pussywillow taffeta. The panel down the front of the skirt was barred in tan-colored stripes and was brought up to the bodice also. The collar and cuffs of the frock were of white organdy, edged with lace. Her hat was a broad-brimmed, drooping affair of oyster white straw, the crown being surrounded by a flat ostrich feather band of the same shade.

Did you know that the women interesting in St. Francis House for Convalescents have started up their preparations for their annual market days the first week in October? As a matter of fact they have chosen October 3 and 4, and they are really making it go back to their regular life of pretty hard work.

They are given two weeks of rest at the house, which is at Fourteenth street and Lansdowne avenue. During, and the whole thing is run by individual donations and proceeds from various affairs such as the annual market and an annual entertainment to meet the needs of the auxiliary of women, who keep things going.

The late Mrs. Albert Hoffman and her sister, Frances Sullivan, were among the pioneers of the home. The present officers of the auxiliary include Mrs. E. M. Quennell, Mrs. Nash Burke, Mrs. Francis Dancy, Mrs. James A. Mandy, Mrs. William Doyle and Mrs. Joseph Israel. Altogether it's going to be very fine, and every one is interested in it, so I suppose you'll go out. I expect to, and take a chance on the gentle brown cow I hear they are to have. Though, believe me, when I'd put that cow, were I to win it, I'd hate to tell you.

MAX is a small soul of ten, and he spends most of his time selling candies on the street and in offices. I was walking up Chestnut street one day lately when I met a friend who called me to join her in her car. As I stepped in Max was running by, and my friend said, "How are you, Max?"

And then she turned to me and said: "I must tell you about Max. He came into a Red Cross room where I was one day a little while ago and wanted me to buy some chocolates or something, and he was rather cute, and so I talked to him and asked him if he had ever seen the country. He said 'no,' so I said, 'Well, perhaps some day you could go out.'"

"Oh, he said, 'I couldn't go without me mother.' That, I thought, was touching, so I said, 'Well, maybe mother could be taken, too.' 'Oh, he said, 'she couldn't go without the rest of us.' 'Rest of us,' I said, 'How many are there?' 'Oh, he smiled, 'I'm ashamed to tell you, but I'm afraid I'm well out with it.' I said, 'so I remarked, 'They're eight besides me.'"

Miss Gertrude Kirk, of Placerville, Calif., has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lewis Raven, at 6223 Chew street. She was associated with the Y. M. C. A. in France, driving motor-trucks and doing other war work during the last year. She has gone to New York and from there to Detroit by train, shortly to motor from there to her home in California.

Miss Elinor Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Thompson, of Brookwood Farm, Greenville, Del., will make her debut at a tea to be given on October 24.

Miss Caroline D. Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Nixon, of Red Crest, Woodbury, will be presented at a tea at the Acorn Club on Tuesday, November 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Riley have returned from Lake Placid and are spending the autumn with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes Townsend, at Montross, Radnor.

Miss Ellen Lathrop Hopkins and her brother, Mr. William Hopkins, of Devon, returned, Wednesday night from Narragansett Pier, where they were visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Townsend Wright.

Colonel John C. Groome, E. S. M. P., will sail from Crest September 20. Mrs. Groome, who has been spending the winter in Winter Harbor, will meet her husband in New York and return with him to Bryn Mawr.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Disston, of Rossmore, will return today from Winter Harbor, where they spent the month of August and part of September.

Miss Harriet Geyelin left yesterday on a motor trip to the Adirondacks with several New York friends.

Major Thomas Trainer is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Da Costa, of Villanova.

Miss Percy Thayer, daughter of Mrs. John B. Thayer, of Haverford, is visiting Miss Rebecca Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Thomson, at Northeast Harbor.

Mr. Joseph Harrison, Jr., is spending a few days with his grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, at Rossmore, N. J. He will not return from Cape May until October 1.

Miss Constance Vanclain and her mother, Mrs. Samuel M. Vanclain, of Broadview, Rossmore, have just returned from Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Irene A. Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hunter, of the Cambridge Hotel, New York, is at the Vanderbilt Hotel, New York, with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Gorman. Mrs. Gorman and her daughter and Miss Hunter have returned from a ten-weeks' stay in the Adirondacks.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Miss Beatrice Adele Wilson, of 1500 Walnut street, have returned from Atlantic City, where they have been spending several weeks.

Miss Adele Estlin, of New York City, is spending a few weeks with Miss Catherine Cobb at the Cobb's summer home in Annapolis. Miss Estlin will leave for New York the latter part of next week.

Mr. Theodore A. Gugert, of Wayne, has returned from his vacation, which he spent at the Glenwood Hotel, Delaware Water Gap.

Miss Anna Gugert, Miss Laura Gugert and Master P. A. Gugert, Jr., have been visiting friends in Wilmington, Del., the last week.

Mr. Edwin C. Donaghy and her daughter, of Bryn Mawr, are spending a few days with Mr. Donaghy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dalmay.

Mrs. C. H. Meyer and family, Mrs. Mary M. Craig and Miss Florence Simons have returned to their home at Mr. Airy after their summer in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Rosser, of Frederick, Md., are visiting Mr. Rosser's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Rosser, at 347 East Tulpehocken street. Mr. Rosser has come to this city to attend the convalescent Knights Templar. He recently returned from service with the A. E. F.

Mrs. Daniel Roberts Harper, of 211 West Chestnut avenue, entertained at dinner on Saturday evening. Among the guests were Miss Meta Frick, Miss Dorothy Reynolds, of Oil City, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lavell, of East Mayland street.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Jean D. Mathers, of 5092 Wayne avenue, and Mr. William J. Kelly, of 5442 Girard avenue, on August 17, in St. Francis Assisi's Church, Logan and Girard streets. Father Donnelly performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are living at 5002 Wayne avenue.

Mrs. Herbert Atkins, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Murray, of 242 East Horter street.

Mrs. Samuel K. Cissel, of 4554 Spruce street, who has as her guest her mother-in-law, Mrs. Heigel, of Florida, entertained at luncheon in

Miss Elizabeth Schofield, of 4301 Manayunk avenue, and Miss Mary C. Lyle, who returned home after spending a month in the mountains of Pike county, Pa. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wood, of 4315 Manayunk avenue. Miss Lyle returned early in the summer from a year's service overseas.

Miss Adda Frame, of Ridge avenue, has returned home from Ben Avon, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., where she spent the last summer with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wahl, with whom she visited Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Riley, of 242 Bector street, are entertaining Mr. Riley's sister, Mrs. Frank Friley, of Midland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Curran, of 527 East Hermitage street, have as their guests Mrs. Curran's aunt, Mrs. Rose M. Fadden, and the latter's grand-daughter, Miss Nellie Donnelly, of Elks, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Thomas, of 225 Rochelle avenue, will remain at their cottage at Seaside Park through the autumn. Their daughters, Miss Dorothy Thomas and Miss Helen Thomas, returned to Wissahickon last week.

Miss Helen Deighton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Deighton, of 3738 Manayunk avenue, has returned home from a fortnight's visit to Wildwood Crest.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reinhardt, of 1003 Rochelle avenue, are staying at their Ocean City cottage through the autumn. Their daughters, Miss Emma Reinhardt and Mrs. Cecile Boles, returned last Saturday.

The Rev. John T. Hackett, Mrs. Hackett and their family, of Manayunk avenue, have returned from Island Heights, where they have been spending the season.

The members of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. James the Less held their September meeting on Tuesday evening in the parish house. An informal entertainment followed the business meeting.

Miss Iretta Johnson, of Mivalve avenue, will remain at Blairville, Md., through the autumn.

Mr. Horace Mae V. Fadyen, Mr. H. S. Helms, the Rev. C. H. Helms and Mr. George Clark have been elected delegates from Camp 50, Patriotic Order Sons of America, to the national convention of the order at Jacksonville, Fla., on September 23 and 24.

Miss Ella Nowak, of Main street, has returned home after spending the late summer at Wildwood.

A DEBUTANTE OF NOVEMBER

WEST PHILADELPHIA
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Van Belle have closed their bungalow, Little Round Top, Norway Island, N. Y., and returned to their home, 5834 Atharline street. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Van Belle spent the summer with them.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lane, of 6217 Webster street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on September 8.

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Packs, formerly of 708 South Forty-second street, are visiting the United States from their home in Barcelona, Spain. During their stay in this city they are stopping at Mrs. R. R. Packs' home, 1215 South Forty-seventh street. They expect to return to Spain about September 20, sailing from New York.

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THE READER'S VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

TRAUBEL THE FRIEND-MAKER

Not Merely Whitman Follower, but a Man in His Own Right

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—Sir: When the lettered Philadelphia thinks of Mickle street, Camden, it is because Walt Whitman once made his home there. Have we not fallen into a like habit in respect of the late Horace Traubel? Have we not so tagged him as the high priest of Whitmanism and as the biographer of the Camden town poet that when we hear the name Traubel we think Whitman, just as Horace Twiss thinks to mind Lord Eldon and Lockhart conjures up the name of Sir Walter Scott? Let us for one think of Horace Traubel as a man, a fellow townsman, an able citizen who stood upon his feet and played the game, and who would not put down a rival but would rather have had a wider knowledge of the life of Mickle street had never lived?

More than twenty years' acquaintance with Horace Traubel—never really intimate, yet never really broken except by death—have taught me to admire him for his solid, unassuming, and his great personal problems that beset nine-tenths of the ambitious young men and women about us.

For many years Mr. Traubel held a minor position in a bank. There he was, cooped up in a cage, forced by circumstances to live a life of seclusion, five days lumped over a soul-chilling ledger. The average man in his position would have fretted for a year or two over it, and then have surrendered to it. Not so Traubel. He would might be in the cage, but his noble and active mind. Let us see how he escaped the bonds of his daily grind and became in time the friend and valued correspondent of great and notable men all the world over.

First and foremost, he had native breadth and nobility of spirit, for he insisted on having the best, whether it was in art, letters, drama, poetry or music. And he got it. If a world-famous violinist played at the Academy of Music Traubel was sure to be there. Whether he sat in the stalls or a twenty-five-cent gallery seat, he would tell you about it as soon as any one else. Always his mind was alert. Whether he looked, listened or read, he was critical, his criticisms were always thoughtful, discerning and sympathetic. Moreover, he was not too shy to speak his mind. If he enjoyed Kreisler's concert he sat down and wrote to him about it. If he was phrasing in Sir Henry's new edition of Shakespeare's plays he would not let a note go unobserved. In the same manner he addressed poets, playwrights, reformers, critics and novelists at home and abroad. He was no lion hunter and he was as free from guile as a little child. He was a man of great interest and his approach was like his own front door, with a firm and natural stride. It never occurred to him that Sir Henry Irving or Lord Tennyson or the newest great violinist might not care to hear from him. He made friends as a child does, without thought of rank or fear of rebuff. And there was something about his letters, so simple and friendly and naive that they were usually answered in kind.

Letters led to personal acquaintance and many a distinguished foreigner on his way from New York to Washington felt that he must stop off in Camden to see him and to see the man who had made his library were the broad-brimmed gray hats that hung upon the wall. You guessed that they had been Whitman's and you were right. And the bawdiest talk that hung upon the wall was also Walt's. (I am Traubel's poet was always "Walt" and no one would have thought of referring to him otherwise.) The stiffening leather bag dated back to the wound-dresser days and it was the one Walt had worn in the military hospitals when he carried oranges and tobacco and little knickknacks to wounded soldiers.

By a window hung the Traubel marriage certificate, engrossed in Walt's own sprawling hand, signed by its framer and by a score of wedding guests. Near the door, in a simple frame, hung Ralph Waldo Emerson's famous letter to Walt, predicting his future greatness, a letter destined to occasion a lively literary controversy and to stir up no end of trouble between Concord and Camden. Nearby were other letters, some from Tennyson, from Monckton Milnes, afterward Lord Houghton, and from a score of other celebrities equally famous. The rest of the wall space was covered with inscribed photographs of all the sort men of Traubel's day and generation.

There was a good piano and good music and there was usually some one among the company who could either sing or play unaccompanied well. There were books without end; and I used to tell of a smaller room packed to the ceiling with Whitman letters, MSS. memoranda and what not, the accumulation of years that would require other years to sort out and classify. It was always lively and not infrequently controversial. Politics, pictures, the day of the week, the new book, current cartoons, philosophy, old authors and new ones, music and the opera, Philadelphia editorial pages and the latest appreciation of Walt from the pen of some Frenchman or New Zealander—all served as topics for conversation. The hours flew fast.

Presently Mrs. Traubel was missed, and we knew that she had gone to supper, for she never once missed a supper, and she was never absent from the table. Her absence was a matter of course, and Mrs. Traubel's larger always appeared to have the best qualities of the widow's curse, though the poor lady could never be sure in advance whether four or fourteen would sit down to supper. Hospitality, it is true, was not Horace Traubel's sole dispassion.

Table talk was general, and even our hostess's signal to rise was no vexatious interruption, for those who chose might remain and help clear the table of wine dishes, never losing for an instant the thread of the conversation. All shades of opinion were represented. At these gatherings and to an abject visitor the clash of minds was like the sound of trumpets to a war horse. Vehement in argument and sometimes overstrong in expression, our host had, at heart, a fine and gentle tolerance and many of his best friends and warmest admirers were men who shared but few of his social or political views.

No one who ever attended Horace Traubel's Sunday Afternoons could think of his life as narrow or parochial in the atmosphere of the Traubel home in Camden.

FREDERICK S. HIGGELOW, St. David's Park, September 10, 1910.

HOLMESBURG

Miss Marion Judson, of Rowland avenue, has returned from a three-weeks' stay at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Heard, of 2515 Philadelphia street, have returned from Asbury Park where they had motored down for a few days.

Mrs. C. Coleman and her family, of Arundel avenue, will leave on Saturday for a week's trip to Reading, where she will visit relatives and friends.

FAM F. SHUBERT THEATRE, Below Locust street, 1st and 2nd streets, 2nd and 3rd streets, 3rd and 4th streets, 4th and 5th streets, 5th and 6th streets, 6th and 7th streets, 7th and 8th streets, 8th and 9th streets, 9th and 10th streets, 10th and 11th streets, 11th and 12th streets, 12th and 13th streets, 13th and 14th streets, 14th and 15th streets, 15th and 16th streets, 16th and 17th streets, 17th and 18th streets, 18th and 19th streets, 19th and 20th streets, 20th and 21st streets, 21st and 22nd streets, 22nd and 23rd streets, 23rd and 24th streets, 24th and 25th streets, 25th and 26th streets, 26th and 27th streets, 27th and 28th streets, 28th and 29th streets, 29th and 30th streets, 30th and 31st streets, 31st and 32nd streets, 32nd and 33rd streets, 33rd and 34th streets, 34th and 35th streets, 35th and 36th streets, 36th and 37th streets, 37th and 38th streets, 38th and 39th streets, 39th and 40th streets, 40th and 41st streets, 41st and 42nd streets, 42nd and 43rd streets, 43rd and 44th streets, 44th and 45th streets, 45th and 46th streets, 46th and 47th streets, 47th and 48th streets, 48th and 49th streets, 49th and 50th streets, 50th and 51st streets, 51st and 52nd streets, 52nd and 53rd streets, 53rd and 54th streets, 54th and 55th streets, 55th and 56th streets, 56th and 57th streets, 57th and 58th streets, 58th and 59th streets, 59th and 60th streets, 60th and 61st streets, 61st and 62nd streets, 62nd and 63rd streets, 63rd and 64th streets, 64th and 65th streets, 65th and 66th streets, 66th and 67th streets, 67th and 68th streets, 68th and 69th streets, 69th and 70th streets, 70th and 71st streets, 71st and 72nd streets, 72nd and 73rd streets, 73rd and 74th streets, 74th and 75th streets, 75th and 76th streets, 76th and 77th streets, 77th and 78th streets, 78th and 79th streets, 79th and 80th streets, 80th and 81st streets, 81st and 82nd streets, 82nd and 83rd streets, 83rd and 84th streets, 84th and 85th streets, 85th and 86th streets, 86th and 87th streets, 87th and 88th streets, 88th and 89th streets, 89th and 90th streets, 90th and 91st streets, 91st and 92nd streets, 92nd and 93rd streets, 93rd and 94th streets, 94th and 95th streets, 95th and 96th streets, 96th and 97th streets, 97th and 98th streets, 98th and 99th streets, 99th and 100th streets, 100th and 101st streets, 101st and 102nd streets, 102nd and 103rd streets, 103rd and 104th streets, 104th and 105th streets, 105th and 106th streets, 106th and 107th streets, 107th and 108th streets, 108th and 109th streets, 109th and 110th streets, 110th and 111th streets, 111th and 112th streets, 112th and 113th streets, 113th and 114th streets, 114th and 115th streets, 115th and 116th streets, 116th and 117th streets, 117th and 118th streets, 118th and 119th streets, 119th and 120th streets, 120th and 121st streets, 121st and 122nd streets, 122nd and 123rd streets, 123rd and 124th streets, 124th and 125th streets, 125th and 126th streets, 126th and 127th streets, 127th and 128th streets, 128th and 129th streets, 129th and 130th streets, 130th and 131st streets, 131st and 132nd streets, 132nd and 133rd streets, 133rd and 134th streets, 134th and 135th streets, 135th and 136th streets, 136th and 137th streets, 137th and 138th streets, 138th and 139th streets, 139th and 140th streets, 140th and 141st streets, 141st and 142nd streets, 142nd and 143rd streets, 143rd and 144th streets, 144th and 145th streets, 145th and 146th streets, 146th and 147th streets, 147th and 148th streets, 148th and 149th streets, 149th and 150th streets, 150th and 151st streets, 151st and